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In order to keep things quiet and to prevent the news getting abroad the steam launch with the killed and wounded kept out till dark, when the bodies were landed and buried. It is believed Government kept the news from the Prince as well as from news correspondents, in order to deceive Government of Portugal.

OBITUARY.
Calcutta, February 3.—News has reached Calcutta of the sudden death of Mr Ger Bidder, the well known Q. C. He was under 40 years of age. He was married to a daughter of Lady Mackenzie.

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VERY HIGH PLAY

'What I like about poker,' said Go
smith, 'is its pegan quality. It is bar
baric, it awakens the thirst
for blood, or its cash equivalent. I would
pay my own grand-mother out of her last
penny, and walk away pleased and
satisfied.'

'So would I,' said Barrebrown. 'My principles are my own. I would win only sister's scalp, and see that she paid. I am thankful to say that I play the game—merely the game—entirely without mercy.'

'Quite so,' said Darrobbrown, 'with a shilling limit.'

'Of course not,' said Gorrosmith. 'I am not one of those suburban variations for me-

Now there came a time when there was no money in the pot, and Gorrosmith opened for one penny. All came in, Barrobb remarking hesitatingly that he supposed must. Gorrosmith took no cards, no

'This is a sporting game,' remarked rosmith, putting up his eyeglass. 'well, and five.' 'And five again,' said Barrobrown.

'Look here,' said Gorrosmith, 'I'll
an account of the bet on a bit of paper
you can do the same. It's simpler.
five.'

This sort of conversation went on for minutes. 'I'm not altogether sorry am out of this,' remarked the third. 'It's a bit monotonous,' said the other. 'For the sake of variety,' said

'Possibly,' Barrobrown replied ;

'Yes, that's quicker. And a thousand pounds,' Gorrosmith said.

'A thousand? And a million.'

'If you must, you must,' observed Gorrosmith, as he lit a cigarette. 'And a billion.' And six millions more," said

'Think so?' asked Gorrosmith, 'I have not but a penny more than I will if I lose—if I mark you.'

'Neither have I,' said Barrobrow, 'have no choice but to play the same. I leave Gorrosmith a ruined and disabled man, I can't help it.'

'In the meantime,' observed Gorrosmith, 'I will take you the difference between'

'You can't possibly afford it,' said the third man, with brutal frankness. 'Hold your tongue,' said Gorrosmita.

'It's discussions like these,' remarked Barrobbrown, 'that absolutely ruin cards. What business can this anybody except Gorrosmith and myself? Oh, very well,' said the third man, 'your father likes to pay your game.'

'Barrobbrown,' said Gorroosmith,

'Certainly. I object to these impositions as much as you do. You bet the Universe, I think. Very well. I assent and raise you the Hereafter.'

Gorrowsmith reflected for a moment, he said, 'I don't mean to raise you, from scruples—it's merely because I think of anything else. I see you,' 'Best straight flush, diamonds Darrobbrown.

They threw their hands down, took back what he had put in the pot, they divided the rest. 'It came to shillings each. I never saw such a my life before,' exclaimed the third.

'And,' said Garrosmith, 'the betting is also phenomenal. That is poker as it is played—cards and betting in due agreement and harmony, broken only at long intervals by the occasional outburst of the crowd. I have never seen one such hand, for two of them turning up together, so incredible, phenomenal!'

the magnificent discord of some grand inspired bluff. There was no bluffing. I have bet just the value of my cards, more. Perhaps it is almost a pity Barabrown did not hold four aces; would't have come up so far, of course.

'And I am not,' said Barrobrown. 'betting ought not to have stopped with me.'
'I don't know,' remarked Gorrosmin. 'you are trying to imply that I stopped.'

'Nothing—absolutely—nothing—
what I complain of. All's too
Think what the betting might be
two men each holding a certainty—

each separate but transcending the
imaginings of the drunkard mathematician.
I despise time. I have a contempt for
Language is no good, and split as you
try to make fit the unusually

my eyes are looking toward London
wards the conditions under which the
cards would be possible, I am still
the exaltation of its atmosphere, though
eyes cannot penetrate its distance nor
any speech describe it. Slowly I feel
sense of small things) they cease

meaning. Was it I who bolted five pounds just now? What paltry, despicable number of stupid tinkling wherewith to try to satisfy a need that all infinity!

'When you've finished,' said Goro

'My ante,' said the third man. Barrobrown, lend me another sixteen going on with.'

'Very well,' said Barrobrown, pue

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